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SUBJ: UPDATE OF MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY FOR PNG

REF: SQUIRE-OLMSTED LETTER DATED AUG 3

1. THE FOLLOWING CHANGES ARE KEYED TO PAGE AND PARAGRAPH
NUMBERS/LETTERS OF 1 JULY 1976 MILITARY INTELLIGENCE
SUMMARY.

2. PAGE AND PARAGRAPH:

1 A. DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE: W. NOEL LEVI.

1 B. (THIRD PARA, SECOND SENTENCE) COMPLETE EXECUTIVE
POWERS RESIDE IN THE CABINET (NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL)
WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE TO A UNICAMERAL PARLIAMENT.

2 C. (SECOND PARA) CORRECT SPELLING IS BOUGAINVILLE.
CORRECT NAME IS PAPUA BESENA.

3 G. ADD: POLITICAL OFFICER: MARK M. EASTON
PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER: FRANK L. ALBERT

4 A. DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE: COL. KEN K. NOGA
CHIEF OF OPERATIONS: COL. KEN K. NOGA
AIR OPERATIONS CHIEF: WING COMMANDER W. TREWARTHA, RAAF
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4 C. US \$21,450,000 IS THE ESTIMATED BUDGET FOR THE

FISCAL YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 1977; 3.75 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL BUDGET. ESTIMATED GNP FOR PERIOD NOT AVAILABLE.

4 D. LITERACY: THIRTEEN TO FIFTEEN PERCENT.

6 A.3. PERSONEL STRENGTH

3,430 (369 OFFICERS AND 3,061 ENLISTED).

TOTAL INCLUDES A LAND ELEMENT OF 2,949 (283 OFFICERS, 2,666 ENLISTED); A MARITIME ELEMENT OF 410 (54 OFFICERS AND 356 ENLISTED); AND AN AIR ELEMENT OF 71 (32 OFFICERS AND 39 ENLISTED). OF TOTAL AIR ELEMENT TN3 -43 33 RAAF PERSONNEL. OF THE AIR ELEMENT OFFICERS 17 ARE PILOTS OF WHICH 11 ARE PNG. 182 OF THE 369 OFFICERS IN THE PNGDF ARE AUSTRALIANS.

6 A.4.B.(1) GROUND COMBAT UNITS

MAJOR TACTICAL UNITS	STRENGTH PER UNIT
	AUTHORIZED/AVERAGE ACTUAL

2 INF BN	678	618
ADD: 1 ENGINEER BTLN.	253	120

IT IS ALSO COMBAT TRAINED AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED A MAJOR TACTICAL UNIT.

7 A.D.(1) AIRCRAFT

TOTAL: 4 (PROP)

IN OPERATIONAL UNITS: 4 (TRANSPORTS)

7 A.5. STATUS OF EQUIPMENT

PRINCIPAL WEAPONS IN THE LAND ELEMENT INCLUDE 7.62 SELF-LOADING RIFLES, M-60 MACHINE GUNS, AND 81-MM MORTARS. ALL MARITIME ELEMENT CRAFT WERE BUILT IN AUSTRALIA BETWEEN 1967 AND 1974. THE FOUR C-47S OF THE AIR ELEMENT WERE PROVIDED UNDER AUSTRALIAN GRANT AID.

PLANS CALL FOR ACQUISITION OF FOUR AUSTRALIAN-BUILT NOMAD LIGHT TRANSPORTS IN 1977. PNG HAS ALREADY RECEIVED OQUNGWO C-47S MENTIONED IN LAST YEAR'S REPORT AND PLAND TO ACQUIRE FOUR HU-1-TYPE HELICOPTERS AND THREE LCMS FROM AUSTRALIA HAVE BEEN ABANDONED.

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10 C. TOTAL MILITARY PERSONNEL STRENGTH

LAND ELEMENT	2,949
MARITIME ELEMENT	410
AIR ELEMENT	71
TOTAL	3,430

10 D. FOREIGN MILITARY PRESENCE: 400 AUSTRALIAN

PERSONNEL VUE 500.

UNIT	LOCATION	PERSONNEL
ARMY ENGINEER UNIT	MENDI	APPROX. 25
FIELD SURVEY SQDN	WEWAK	BOTH TOTAL
PUBLIC WORKS OFFICE	WEWAK	25-30
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